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for attachment to a frame of a motorcycle where a motorcycle gasoline tank is normally disposed. The body member is defined by a front half portion and a back half portion and at least a portion of the illumination member is secured to the front half portion of said body member. The front half portion being closer to a front area of a motorcycle to which the body member is attached. The illumination member illuminates a surrounding ground area adjacent to the motorcycle to which the body member is attached. In one embodiment a portion of the body member is removed and at least a portion of the illumination member is disposed therein.

A device is also provided for illuminating a ground area adjacent a motorcycle and comprises an illumination assembly adapted for attachment to a motorcycle gasoline tank or a motorcycle hollow body shell disposed where a conventional motorcycle gasoline tank is normally disposed such that light from the illumination assembly is directed away from the motorcycle gasoline tank or motorcycle hollow body shell to illuminate a ground area adjacent the motorcycle. In one embodiment, at least a portion of the illumination assembly is adapted for attachment to

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a front half portion of the gasoline tank or motorcycle hollow body shell. The front half portion is closest to a front area of the motorcycle to which the gasoline tank or motorcycle hollow body shell is attached.

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A method is also disclosed for illuminating a ground area adjacent a motorcycle, where the motorcycle has a motorcycle gasoline tank or a motorcycle hollow body shell disposed where a conventional motorcycle gasoline tank is normally disposed. The method comprises the step of attaching an illumination assembly to the motorcycle gasoline tank or motorcycle hollow body shell such that light from the illumination assembly is projected away from the motorcycle gasoline tank or motorcycle hollow body shell to illuminate a ground area adjacent the motorcycle. In one embodiment, the step of attaching an illumination assembly includes attaching the illumination assembly to a front half portion of the gasoline tank or motorcycle hollow body shell. The front half portion is closest to a front area of the motorcycle to which the gasoline tank or motorcycle hollow body shell is attached.--.